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COUNTERFEIT MARRIAGE. Counterfeit marriage. (You amaze me, Father. In the

February Sign, you say, "A reconciliation that is merely an arrangement for the sake of the children or because of the pressure of alimony is not ever a good counterfeit of Christian marriage." Many of us are living in "counterfeit marriages" without love because none exists. And you seem to imply that they are not worth continuing. We endure them because we were taught "until death do us part." What about it? One feels one is doing God's will by remaining in a marriage which is a daily cross—especially if defecting would embitter a husband without religion.) SP. June 43

CREATION. Capon. Felix II is dead. Long live Felix II. Mar. 23; Little Johnny grapples on several levels with the mystery of creation. Feb. 40

CREATIVE PRESENCE. Hennessy. The taste of victory. Apr. 8

CREMATION. Cremation. (Why doesn't the Catholic Church approve of cremation? After four deaths in our family inside of two years, I certainly do. I was taught from childhood that when we die, if we are in the state of grace, we will go to heaven. So what's this nonsense about a thousand dollars for the undertaker? Is the Church in back of this deal? If I request to be cremated, and I hope with God's help to be in the state of grace, will I go to heaven?) SP. Sept. 37

THE CULTURE OF UNBELIEF. The culture of unbelief. May 30-31

CYNICISM. Capon. This grace-full creation. Dec. 17

Daly, Cyril. The spinster. Sept. 47-52

DAME JULIANA. Burton. The worst has already happened. Mar. 17

DEATH. Capon. For plants, death is merely a convenient transition; for man, it's a curse. Oct. 26: The natural end of man. A photo essay. Nov. 32-39

DEL CARMEN GUERRA, MARIA. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

DEMOCRACY. See, People

DENOMINATIONS, RELIGIOUS. See, Religion

DEVOTIONS. In Him we live and move. (In thanksgiving for a relative's recovery, I made a promise never again to ask God for a favor for myself. However, I have always had the habit of bringing God into my daily doings in little silly ways: "Lord, let this cake turn out well" or "Please help me to catch that bus." Do I now discontinue this practice? I know this matter is not of world-shaking importance, like some of the subjects I read about in your magazine, but I do want a ruling, and one simply does not delay the assembly lines at the parish confessional with unnecessary discussion!) SP. Apr. 42-43

DEWART, LESLIE. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

DIACONATE. Reversing the orders (It is very clear in the Acts of the Apostles that the first deacons were elected by the early Christians to handle the financial affairs of the Church to free the Apostles for spiritual things. Why has the Church now decided to do the reverse—ordain married deacons to preach and administer some of the sacraments while leaving finances in the hands of the priests?) SP. Feb. 42

Dillon, Valerie Vance. Application for life. Oct. 9-12; Bearings: Serving troubled servants of the Lord. June 24-29

DISCIPLINE, PARENTAL. Homan. You can't give too much love. May 7-10

DISCRETION. Hennessy. No orchids for discretion. Nov. 10

DISORDERS, CAMPUS. Breathing space or battleground? Apr. 38-39

DISSENSION, STUDENT. Breathing space or battleground? Apr. 38-39

DOGMA. More about dogma. (I find it difficult to understand your insistence that you no longer feel obliged to believe in the existence of angels. (see "Sign Post," January, 1968: "What Happened to the Angels?"; May 1968: "How Many Dogmas?") Your implication that a future pope or general council might declare angels nonexistent seems somewhat outré. They would have to tear out whole pages of Sacred Scripture, eviscerate the liturgies of the Jews and the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches, and unsay the dogmatic declaration of the Fourth Lateran Council that God "by His almighty power from the very beginning of time has created both orders of creatures out of nothing, the spiritual or angelic world and the corporeal or visible universe." And this last declaration was incorporated in a dogmatic decree of Vatican I.) SP. Aug. 41-42

DRAMAS—CRITICISM, PLOTS, ETC. Adaptation. July 48; Adrian VII. Mar. 44-45; Canterbury tales. Apr. 48; Celebration. Apr. 48; Ceremonies in dark old men. Apr. 47; Cock a doodle Dandy. May 45; The cocktail party. Jan. 48; A cry of players. Jan. 48; Dames at sea. July 47-48; Dear world. Apr. 47-48; Does a tiger wear a necklace? May 44-45; Forty carats. Mar. 45; The front page. July 48; The good-bye people. Feb. 46; The great white hope. Dec. 41-42; Hamlet. May 45; Her first Roman. Jan. 47; In the matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer. May 44; Jimmy Shine. Feb. 45-46; King Lear. Jan. 48; Lovers. Sept. 53-54; Lovers and other strangers. Nov. 46; Maggie Flynn. Jan. 47; The man in the glass

bôoth, Dec. 42; Misanthrope, Jan. 48; A moon for the misbegotten, Aug. 27-28; Next, July 48; Noel Coward's sweet potato, Dec. 42; Play it again, Sam, Apr. 48; Promises, promises, Feb. 45; 1776, June 44-45; A streetcar named desire, Oct. 42-43; Summer-tree, Aug. 28; Tartuffe, Oct. 43; We bombed in New Haven, Jan. 47-48; Zorba, Jan. 47

DREXEL, KATHERINE. Burton. Woman for our time. Sept. 36

DREXEL, MOTHER KATHERINE. Burton. My candidate for sainthood. Nov. 47

DRUG ADDICTION. Wakin. Dave Wilkerson casts out devils. Oct. 27-33

DUNNE, REVEREND GEORGE, S.J. Town crier in a global village. An interview with Father George Dunne, S.J. Sept. 9-12

EARTH, CONSUMPTION OF. Destroy the world by fire. (Could you tell me if and where the Bible teaches that God will destroy the world by fire?) SP, Feb. 43

EASTER. See, Jesus Christ—Resurrection EASTER, HOLTON, KANSAS. McNally. Christ is risen in Holton, Kansas, Alleluia! Apr. 17-24

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS—U. S. Greeley, Andrew. We had better travel light. July 8-12

EDUCATION, CATHOLIC. Evans. College on the move. Sept. 13-17; McCluskey, What is a Catholic education? Jan. 26-28; Wakin. New York City is their campus. Jan. 20-25

EDUCATION, ELEMENTARY. Wakin. Making the class fit the boy. June 8-12

EDUCATION, HIGHER. Libersat. The college president who's still smiling. July 23-26

EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS. See, Religious Education

ELECTIONS. Three faces of politics. Aug. 30-31

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. See, Education, Elementary

EMERGENCY BAPTISM. Emergency Baptism. (Is a miscarriage or a baby born dead or one that dies very shortly after birth to be baptized? If so, how would I do this in the case of the miscarriage? Also what would be the proper way of burying the baby who miscarried?) SP, Sept. 38

EMOTIONS. See, Love

ENGAGEMENT. Purity for the engaged. (Please tell me the Church's feeling on the sexual intimacies of an engaged couple. I ask this question because we find it quite impossible to refrain from petting, and the young lady is extremely anxious about this.) SP, Nov. 40

EPISCOPAL RINGS. Pomp and circumstance. (Why don't the bishops and cardinals stop having their rings kissed?) SP, Aug. 42

EUCHARIST. Vitality of the Eucharist. (I was surprised that the February issue of Sign had no letters about the theories of Daniel Callahan as presented in January's "Spectrum of Catholic Attitudes." Some of his stuff upsets me. Would you be able to find space in your "Sign Post" to comment on Callahan's ideas about the Eucharist?) SP, Apr. 43-44; Campbell, Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

EUCHARIST. See also, Communion, Holy EUCHARIST—EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCHES. The Eucharist in other churches. (How does the Church view the "Lord's Supper" celebrated in the churches separated from Rome? Do they have the real Holy Sacrifice?) SP, July 28

EUCHARIST—EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH. The Eucharist in other churches. (How does the Church view the "Lord's Supper" celebrated in the churches separated from Rome? Do they have the real Holy Sacrifice?) SP, July 28

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, BOGOTA.

Hennedy. Bonds of love in Bogota, Aug. 4

EVANS, Fallon. College on the move. Sept. 13-17

EVIL IN THE CHURCH. The seamy side of the church. (During the past year or so, movies and television programs have been presented that show the Church of the past in a bad light. I'm thinking of programs about Galileo, Luther, Becket, Michelangelo, and Thomas More. I have been aware of the past evils of the Church for a long time, and this has not weakened my faith. But many people who discover for the first time how corrupt some of the clergy were in the past are very much shocked by this. What can one say in defense of the Church in this matter? Please recommend books dealing with the question of evil in the Church.) SP, Aug. 41

FAITH. The culture of unbelief. May 30-31;

Faith and private opinion. Jan. 18-19; Hennedy. Faith is more than a leap in the dark. Jan. 6; The mystery of faith. (In William Buckley's first book, he quotes a Yale professor as saying: "After many days of argument, I said to those Jesuits: 'I'll tell you how you can convert me and the rest of the world overnight. Submit the wine to a chemical analysis after the Consecration and then see if you've gotten any hemoglobin out of the grape juice.' I'd like to see a theological answer to the professor's scientific questioning.) SP, June 42; Watts. An outdated layman looks at his modern church. Mar. 13-16

FAMILY. See, Motherhood

FAMILY SECURITY. See, Security, Family

FANTASY, O'Neil and Donovan. Fantasy and bad thoughts. Oct. 17-21

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION. First Friday a superstition? (What is the origin of the devotion of the nine first Fridays? Is this devotion a superstition as I was told by a seminarian friend?) SP, Dec. 38-39

FISH. See, Abstinence From Meat

Fisher, Desmond. Green power erupts in Northern Ireland. Apr. 32-35

Fitzgerald, John. Ingmar Bergman's journey into darkness. June 13-18

FITZPATRICK, MARLENE. Wolfe, Marlene Fitzpatrick and her 2000 Jewish kids. Mar. 24-28

FLOREZ, JOHN. A man full of reasons. Sign's people of the month. Dec. 28

FORGIOME, FRANCESCO. See, Padre Pio

FOURTH GOSPEL. The author of the fourth gospel. (I have just finished reading C. H. Patterson, "New Testament Notes." I cite this passage: "The Gospel of John, the latest of the four biographies of Jesus that have been preserved in the New Testament. It was written by a Christian who bore the name of John, but the contents of the book indicate quite clearly that the author was not the John who was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus." The statement of the professor that his John is not St. John the Apostle, who is credited with authorship in our Catholic Bible, prompts me to ask for help. Why is his view so far apart from what is the teaching of our Church?) SP, Feb. 41

FRANCIS, NORMAN. Libersat. The college president who's still smiling. July 23-26

FREEDOM, ACADEMIC. Breathing space or battleground? Current fact and comment. Apr. 38-39

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE. Is freedom ever limited? (People are doing all sorts of things these days in the name of their own conscience. Many acts that used to be called "immoral" are done very calmly, because people think that all they have to do to be decent is to be true to their own conscience. Is there any limit on what these people are allowed to do for conscience's sake?) SP, Apr. 42; See Also, Conscience

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE. More fish on Friday. (Under the heading "Fish on Friday" (Sign, July), you say, "Effective November 27, 1966, the U. S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops determined that abstinence would be part of our obligatory Friday penance in this country only on the Fridays of Lent." On March 7, 1968, our "Catholic Standard" carried this notice: "In answer to numerous inquiries, 'Do we have to fast and abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent?' the 'Standard' repeats that the law of fast and abstinence is in effect only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The regulation was made by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States in November, 1966. In view of the above, one is not obliged to abstain from meat on Friday, but the practice of abstinence is highly recommended." Please resolve this confusion.) SP, May 24

Fuller, Edmund and David Green. Lincoln: Crucified president. Feb. 22-25

GALICIA. Irizarry. Where everything Spanish is Irish. Mar. 32-37

GANDARA, CONSUELO DE LA. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

Gavin, Thomas, S.J. The man to whom "cancer seemed kindly," July 18-19

GENERAL CONFESSION. General confession. (Before making a general confession, should one first consult a priest about it? Is it possible to go into a confessional without prior consultation and simply declare that one is about to make a general confession?) SP, Sept. 38

GENESIS. Just Stories? (I have just heard from a nun that Adam and Eve and Noah's ark are just stories. Father, can you discuss this in "Sign Post?" I'm a thirty-two-year-old mother of three and suddenly I feel very stupid.) SP, July 27-28

Gent, George. (This is a month-by-month listing on the topics found in the column Television and Radio.) Looking at the conventions. Aug. 39-40: There'll be some changes made. Sept. 31-32: Some just run out of steam. Oct. 46-47: Hope for the best. Nov. 44-45: A change for the Church on T.V. Dec. 44-45: The cry of a heart. Jan. 30-31: Government looks at television. Feb. 48-49: Nixon's voice of America. Mar. 42-43: Hate never hastens freedom. Apr. 40-41: The challenge to public T.V. May 42-43: The Smothers Brothers' cut-off. June 19-20: The end of the season. July 44-45

Gerrars, Charles. The week the students stopped eating. May 14-15

GIRLS COLLEGES. Wakin. New York City is their campus. Jan. 20-25

Glazier, Michael. In praise of hope. Feb. 18-21

GLENN, LAYONA. 103 years young. Sign's People of the Month. July 43

GOD. Capon. Careful study of a grapefruit yields rich insights into the triune God. Apr. 31; Herman. God in the dishwater. July 20-21; Kieser. God's new face. Dec. 7-10

GODPARENTS. To be a godparent. (I would like to have my brother be godfather to our first child. However, as he is married to a

Lutheran girl in her church, does that mean he is no longer a Catholic? Can he still be a godfather to our child?) SP, Sept. 39

GOOD FRIDAY. When did Christ die? (I have read a theory that Christ was buried on Wednesday and rose on Saturday. What stand does the Church take on this?) SP, Oct. 23

GOSPELS. Eyewitness? yes. Eyewitness report? No. (In the May issue, you say: "The Gospels are not eyewitness reports. But they report the faith of those who either were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life or were in contact with eyewitnesses." I thought John and Matthew were writing just what they had seen, while the other Evangelists were depending on those who had lived with Jesus.) SP, July 29

Greeley, Andrew. The Church as "new community." Nov. 27-29; Fragile—handle with care. Oct. 13-15; We can't walk alone. May 20-23; We had better travel light. July 8-12

GUARDIAN ANGELS. See, Angels

GUIDANCE. See, Vocational Guidance

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Wakin. Her Honor, the Mayor. Apr. 25-30

HAUGHTON, ROSEMARY. Glazier. In praise of hope. Feb. 18-21

Hebert, Albert J., S.M. What book like you, O God? Sept. 51

Heckethorn, Barbara. Christmas in New York. Dec. 18-25

Hennery, Augustine P., C.P. And Abraham said yes. July 4; Bonds of love in Bogota. Aug. 4; The bride is always young. May 6; Faith is more than a leap in the dark. Jan. 6; I am black, but beautiful. June 4; Joy is like the rain. Dec. 6; No orchids for discretion. Nov. 10; Not on a hilltop outside the gate of the city. Feb. 8; A pope in a pillory. Sept. 8; Real people are always relevant. Oct. 8; The taste of victory. Apr. 8; Who makes all things new? Mar. 8

Herman, Andrea. God in the dishwater. July 20-21

HEROIC VIRTUES. McKenzie. Saints. July 5-7; See Also, Saints—Cultus

Heschel, Abraham Joshua. Jerusalem, the charismatic city. Apr. 9-15

HIDDEN CHURCH. Greeley. The Church as "new community." Nov. 27-29

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. See, Teenagers

HIGHER EDUCATION. Evans. College on the move. Sept. 13-17; See Also, Education, Higher

HOLY EUCHARIST. See, Eucharist

HOLY SEE. See, Papacy

HOLY THINGS. See, Sacraments

HOLY WEEK. McNally. Christ is risen in Holton, Kansas, Alleluia! Apr. 17-24

Homan, William, M.D. Child sense: A pediatrician's guide for today's families. July 57-58; You can't give too much love. May 7-10

HOPE. Glazier. In praise of hope. Feb. 18-21

HUGHES, JOHN JAY. Hughes. Why I almost didn't become a Catholic. Mar. 40-41

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HUMAN LIVING. Leisure and human living. July 30-31

HUMAN RESTRAINT. Revolution and human restraint. Oct. 40-41

HUNGER STRIKE. Gerras. The week the students stopped eating. May 14-15

"HUMANAE VITAE." What now about birth control? (A year ago, I received permission from my confessor to use contraceptive pills. It was a very relaxed and wonderful year. Now I'm awfully upset. The Pope's encyclical has outlawed the use of the pills. Does this mean that my husband and I were in sin all last year? What can I do now? The conditions that led the confessor to give us the permission are no better. I don't know if I will be able to live up to what we are asked.) SP, Oct. 22

ILLUSIONS, MALE. Burton. Male illusions are sturdy things. Feb. 44

IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES. Evans. College on the move. Sept. 13-17

INFALLIBILITY. Suenens. The demands of our time. Aug. 5-10

INDULGENCES. See, Purgatory

INTIMACIES OF MARRIAGE. See, Marital Intimacies

IRELAND, NORTHERN. Fisher. Green power erupts in Northern Ireland. Apr. 32-35; Wolfe, Epilogue: An American in Derry. Apr. 36-37

Irizarry, Carmen. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45; Where everything Spanish is Irish. Mar. 32-37

IZQUIERDO, MARIA DIEZ. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

JERUSALEM. Heschel. Jerusalem, the charismatic city. Apr. 9-15

JESUS. Jesus—a historical personage. (I have read the Sign at the request of a friend who is trying to get a feather in his hat by bringing me back into the fold of the "Mother Church" which I left in disgust many years ago. I have had debates with him on the historicity of Jesus Christ and the Gospels, and I have promised him to write to you. I do this knowing full well the futility of this letter, but at least you shall know not all your readers are illiterate, if you know what I mean... It can be shown that the Gospels

cannot have been written by eyewitnesses, nor even by Jews or Romans. Rather they were written from one to two hundred years after the alleged death of Jesus. Jesus simply was NOT a historical figure. I challenge you or anyone to produce genuine historical evidence of the existence of Jesus. I offer to forfeit one thousand dollars to anyone who will provide such evidence.) SP. May 26

JESUS CHRIST. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

JESUS CHRIST—RESURRECTION. McNally, Christ is risen in Holton, Kansas, Alleluia! Apr. 17-24

JEWISH—CATHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS. Wolfe, Marlene Fitzpatrick and her 2000 Jewish kids. Mar. 24-28

JEWISH PAROCHIAL SCHOOL. Wakin. Jewish parochial school: educating an elite. Sept. 26-30

JOBS. See, Vocational Guidance

JOSEPH IN THE GOSPEL. Of many things. (If even one of these are answered, I'll be grateful. (1) I often wondered when was the last time St. Joseph's name is mentioned in the Gospels. (2) Why do some priests go up and kiss the altar stone before saying the Introit and others don't? (3) When was the first Mass celebrated in vestments as we see it today? Thank you so much. Is there anything you can't answer? I think you are wonderful.) SP. Sept. 38

JOY, CHRISTMAS. See, Christmas Joy

JUDAISM. Wakin. Jewish parochial school: educating an elite. Sept. 26-30

KENNEDY, ROBERT. Wakin. A priest struggles for power. July 13-17

Kerns, Joseph. Marriage has come a long way. June 21-23

Kieser, Ellwood, C.S.P. God's new face. Dec. 7-10

KISSING THE ALTAR. Of many things. (If even one of these are answered, I'll be grateful. (1) I often wondered when was the last time St. Joseph's name is mentioned in the Gospels. (2) Why do some priests go up and kiss the altar stone before saying the Introit and others don't? (3) When was the first Mass celebrated in vestments as we see it today? Thank you so much. Is there anything you can't answer? I think you are wonderful.) SP. Sept. 38

Kretz, Thomas, S.J. The foolish for Christ. Feb. 9

LAFFITTE, MARIA, COUNTESS OF CAMPO ALANGE. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

Lamb, Elizabeth Searle. A bond of hands. Mar. 21

LANDABURU, BELEN. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

LATINS—GALICIA. Irizarry. Where everything Spanish is Irish. Mar. 32-37

Laube, Clifford J. As a brightness. Dec. 35; If I be bounded down. July 22; Now as long ago. Dec. 35; Two songs for the season of feasts. Dec. 35

Laux, Peter. Introibo ad altare days. May 17-19

LAW. See, Natural Law

LAYMEN, MILITANT. A priest struggles for power. An interview with Ed Wakin. July 13-17

LEADERSHIP. The yearning for leadership. Nov. 30-31

LEFT-WING CATHOLICISM. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

LEISURE. Leisure. and human living. July 30-31

Liberat, Henry, Jr. The college president who's still smiling. July 23-26

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE. See, Conscience

LIFE. Dillon. Application for life. Oct. 9-12

LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. Fuller and Green. Lincoln: Crucified president. Feb. 22-25

LITURGICAL DRESS. Of many things. (If even one of these are answered, I'll be grateful. (1) I often wondered when was the last time St. Joseph's name is mentioned in the Gospels. (2) Why do some priests go up and kiss the altar stone before saying the Introit and others don't? (3) When was the first Mass celebrated in vestments as we see it today? Thank you so much. Is there anything you can't answer? I think you are wonderful.) SP. Sept. 38

LITURGICAL ROCK 'N' ROLL. Tony Meyer and the Holy Ghost Reception Committee. Sept. 18-25

LITURGY—PRE-VATICAN II. Laux. Introibo ad altare days. May 17-19

LONELINESS. Greeley. We can't walk along. May 20-23

LONELINESS VS. SEX. Greeley. We can't walk alone. May 20-23

LOOKSTEIN, JOSEPH H., RABBI. Wakin. Jewish parochial school: educating an elite. Sept. 26-30

LOPEZ CANTON, DOLORES. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

LORD, DANIEL, S.J. Gavin. The man to whom "cancer seemed kindly." July 18-19

LOS CHANGUITOS FEOS. The priest and the monkeys. Sign's people of the month. Dec. 29

LOVE. Hennessy. The bride is always young. May 6; Simons and Reidy. The reward of loving. Oct. 24-25

LOVE (CHARITY). See, Charity
LOVE, PARENTAL. Homan. You can't give too much love. May 7-10

McCluskey, Neil, S.J. What is a Catholic education? Jan. 26-28

McGinley, Phyllis. Three against the grain. Sept. 42-27

MACGREGOR, BILL. Bulman. Calvary is today: the janitor. June 40

McKenzie, John. Saints. July 5-7

McKERNAN, FR. JUSTIN. Honorary convict. Sign's people of the month. July 42

McNally, Arthur, C.P. Christ is risen in Holton, Kansas. Alleluia! Apr. 17-24; Mary Reed Newland's tree of life. Nov. 11-17

Maloney, Helen. The world needs unwed mothers. July 38-39

Mandarin, Joan Cadiz. Joey and ? Aug. 25

MANKIND: HELPING AND HOPING. Christoph. A flower blossoms in the Ruhr Valley. Feb. 13-17

MARITAL INTIMACIES. Intimacies of the married. (My husband and I are trying to practice rhythm. Our baby is young, so we are being careful, abstaining for longer than three weeks at a time. It is very difficult. What is permissible regarding our sex life during this period of abstinence? If either of us lose control, do we both have to confess it? At times I almost feel resentful that I have to worry about such things. After all, we are married, and surely we don't have to conduct ourselves as single people do. We are confused and perplexed but certainly want to do what is right. I think this fact of married life should be included in the Pre-Cana conferences.) May 24-25

MARRIAGE. Kerns. Marriage has come a long way. June 21-23; Marriage and mental illness. (A Catholic man and woman, both recently released from mental hospitals, met while attending recovery meetings and now plan to be married. Is it all right for them to do so? Wouldn't the couple have to tell the priest of the situation, since one of them comes from a family with a long history of mental illness?) SP. July 28-29; What is Marriage? (Recently a friend has experienced great difficulty in marrying a Protestant divorcee in the Catholic Church. How can it be that two Protestants should be required to obey the same rules of marriage as Catholics? These Protestants entered into a contract with each other to live as man and wife until death—with certain exceptions specifically spelled out in the laws of the state. Those exceptions are part of that contract. It seems that when the Catholic Church tried to enforce its own rules on these people, it attempts to add an element to the contract after the contract has been made and to which the participants never agreed. This is neither right nor just.) SP. Aug. 42

MARRIAGE, COUNTERFEIT. See, Counterfeit Marriage

MARRIAGE, DISSOLUTION OF. The dissolution of Marriage. (A Protestant Church marriage has been dissolved by divorce. Can the now divorced person, if he becomes a Catholic, marry a Catholic?) SP. Aug. 42

MARRIAGE AND BIRTH CONTROL. Birth control or ruined marriages? (Over the past twenty years, my husband and I have found that the only reliable method of birth control allowed by the Church is absolute abstinence. We have five living children, and since the birth of our fifth child nine years ago, we have had no intimate relationships. For the first few years, we were highly motivated in denying each other normal tenderness, and I feel our marriage suffered no ill effects, but this is no longer the case. I'm now convinced that abstinence practiced for a long time without any relief in sight has a damaging effect on a marriage. It's an insidious effect, too, as unfortunately the wife, at any rate, hardly realizes what is happening until it's too late. My husband and I desperately need that intimacy we enjoyed in the first ten years of our married life if our marriage is to survive. But in fairness to our living children and to each other, we cannot chance another pregnancy. So if we are to remain within the Church we will have to continue on a course which is wrecking us and our marriage. For one, I don't think I can remain in the Church and reject the teaching of the encyclical. Yet it is impossible for me to accept it when I'm so well aware of its insidious effect upon a marriage in a case such as ours. Can you comment. Don't think I overestimate the value of sex in marriage. I still feel that it is emphasized out of all proportion to the part it plays in a happy married life, but it is an integral part of good marriage. For years I've been underestimating its function in marriage and may be only too late, have come to realize that this view can be catastrophic.) SP. Jan. 34

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS AND RITES. Kerns. Marriage, has come a long way. June 21-23

MARRIAGE MANUALS. Changing and changeless. (About twenty-five years ago, when I was about to be married, I asked my pastor for the name of a book on the sexual side of marriage. He said the only ones were written in Latin and that the Church forbade reading those in English as it was a mortal sin to do so. Today, the Sign, Ave Maria, America, et

cetera, are recommending books on the sexual side of marriage in English. If the Church has changed her teaching on this subject from being a mortal sin to a meritorious act, what assurance is there that other things she now considers mortal sins will not be approved in another twenty-five years?) SP. Nov. 42

MARXISM. See, Communism

MARY, BLESSED VIRGIN. Hennessy. The bride is always young. May 6

MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE. Wakin. New York City is their campus. Jan. 20-25

MASS-OBLIGATION. Catholic schools and Sunday Mass. (I find that many young people going to Catholic schools these days are losing their religion. I know at least three occasions, and one of these in a Catholic college, where the students were told that if they didn't feel they wanted to do so, it was not necessary to do so. Is it no longer a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation without good cause?) SP. Mar. 29

MASS MEDIA. See, Moving Pictures

MASS OFFERINGS. Announced Masses. (What is the latest on Mass offerings? At one time our pastor accepted whatever was offered. But today, unless it is a solemn high Mass, the name of the person prayed for is not mentioned at all. The parishioners are becoming baffled.) SP. Nov. 41

MATRIMONY. See, Marriage

MATT, WALTER L. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

MEDITATION. See, Prayer

MENTAL ILLNESS. Marriage and mental illness. (A Catholic man and woman, both recently released from mental hospitals, met while attending recovery meetings and now plan to be married. Is it all right for them to do so? Wouldn't the couple have to tell the priest of the situation, since one of them comes from a family with a long history of mental illness?) SP. July 28-29

MERTON, THOMAS. Rice. Ed Rice reflects on his friend, Thomas Merton. Feb. 29-37

Meudt, Edna. Camera. Jan. 29

MEYER, TONY. Tony Meyer and the Holy Ghost Reception Committee. Sept. 18-25

MILITANT LAYMEN. See, Laymen, Militant

MILITANT PRIESTS. See, Priests, Militant

MIRACLES. Miracles-proof of Jesus' divinity. (From what I know about hypnosis, it seems possible that the miracles reported in the New Testament could have been a case of the writers' being hypnotized into believing that they saw these wonders. If this is possible, then what proof is there that Christ was the Son of God? I want to be sure that Christ really performed these miracles so that I can believe with conviction. Could you recommend a book that could convince me that Jesus is truly the Son of God?) SP. Dec. 40

MIRÓ, PILAR. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

MONET, ANDRE. The desert priest. Aug. 12-20

MOON TRAVEL. Current fact and comment. Feb. 38-39

MORALITY AND FANTASY. O'Neil and Donovan. Fantasy and bad thoughts. Oct. 17-21

MOTHERHOOD. Maloney. The world needs unwed mothers. July 38-39

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MOVING PICTURES—CRITICISM, PLOTS,

ETC. Angel in my pocket. Mar. 46; Anzio. Aug. 29; The appointment. Jan. 49; Assignment to kill. Sept. 54; Before winter comes. May 45-46; The big cube. June 46; Geppetto. Aug. 29; The Boston strangler. Dec. 43; Brotherhood. Jan. 49; Buckskin. Oct. 44; Bullitt. Nov. 47; Candy. Feb. 46-47; Can Heironymous Merkin ever forget Mercy Humppe and find true happiness? June 45; The Chairman. July 46-47; Chances. May 46; Charge of the light brigade. Aug. 28; Charly. Sept. 54-55; Che! June 46; Chitty chitty bang bang. Jan. 49; Deadfall. Sept. 54; Death of a gunfighter. July 47; Decline and fall. Sept. 54; The detective. Aug. 29; Duffy. Oct. 44; The extraordinary seaman. Mar. 45; Finian's rainbow. Oct. 44; The first time. July 47; Five card stud. Sept. 55; The fixer. Jan. 49; Goodbye Columbus. June 45; The great Catherine. Oct. 43; Hammerhead. Aug. 28-29; Hang 'em high. Sept. 55; Hannibal Brooks. June 46; The heart is a lonely hunter. Sept. 55; Heaven with a gun. Apr. 46; Hellfighters. Nov. 48; Hell in the Pacific. Feb. 47; Hello down there. June 45; The horse in the grey flannel suit. Dec. 42-43; Hot millions. Nov. 47-48; How sweet it is. Dec. 43; Ice station zebra. Nov. 48; If. July 46; If he hollers. Dec. 43; If this is Tuesday, this must be Belgium. June 46; The illustrated man. Mar. 46; The impossible years. Oct. 44; The incredible journey. May 45; Interlude. Nov. 48; Isadora. Dec. 43; Journey to Shiloh. Oct. 44; Keenner. Mar. 46; Krakatoa, east of Java. July 47; A lion in winter. Nov. 48; The little sister. May 46; Lock up your daughters. May 46; The love bug. Mar. 46; A lovely way to die. Sept. 54; MacKenna's gold. Mar. 46; The magus. Sept. 54; A man called Gannon. Apr. 46; Mayerling. Apr. 46; The model shop. Apr. 46; My side of the mountain. Apr. 46; The night of the following day. Mar. 45; Oedipus the king. Dec. 43; Oliver. Dec. 42; Only when I

larf. Mar. 46; Otley. Apr. 46; Pendulum, Mar. 46; Philip, June 46; A place for lovers, May 46; Pqpl. July 46; The prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Mar. 45; Rachel, Rachel, Oct. 43; 100 rifles, May 46; Riot, Feb. 47; Romeo and Juliet, Oct. 44; Rosemary's baby, Aug. 28; Salt and pepper, Dec. 43; Sam Whiskey, Apr. 46; Tine sea gull, Feb. 46; The sergeant, Jan. 49; Shalako, Dec. 43; The Shoes of the Fisherman, Jan. 48-49; Sinful Davey, Oct. 43-44; Skidoo, Feb. 46; Smith, May 46; The southern star, July 47; The split, Sept. 55; The stalking moon, Feb. 47; Star, Oct. 43; The subject was roses, Nov. 47; Support your local sheriff!, May 46; Sweet charity, Mar. 45; The swimmer, Aug. 29; Those daring young men in their jaunty jalopies, June 46; A time to sing, Sept. 54; To hell with heroes, Sept. 55; True grit, June 46; Twisted nerve, Apr. 46; Up tight, Feb. 47; War and peace, Aug. 29; Where eagles meet, Feb. 46; Where's Jack, July 46; The wild bunch, July 46; With six you get egg roll, Aug. 28; Where it's at, May 46

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Murphy, Aileen O'Brien.

MUSICAL COMEDIES. See, Dramas-Criticism, Plots, Etc.

MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST. See, The Church

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTIONS. Three faces of politics, Aug. 30-31

NATURAL LAW. Contraception and natural law, (I cannot understand why birth control is against the natural law. It frightens me, because, all of a sudden, I see no sin involved in this practice. How do I know that it is against God's plan for married love?) SP. Jan. 34-35

NEGRO RACE. Hennessy. I am black, but beautiful, ed. June 4

NEW YEARS REFLECTIONS. See, Reflections, New Years Day

NEWLAND, MARY REED. McNally, Mary Reed Newman's tree of life, Nov. 11-17

NEUMANN, THERESE. Theresa Neumann's (Has the Church accepted Theresa Neumann's life as that of a living saint?) SP. Feb. 42-43

NORTHERN IRELAND. See, Ireland, Northern

NUDISM. Nudism. (In this age of mini-skirts, bikinis, see-through blouses, topless waitresses, and nudity in TV, in movies, magazines, and advertising, what is the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church on nudism and nudist publications?) SP. May 25-26

O'BRIEN, SISTER MARY ANSELM. Mulligan, Free to live, July 33-37

OBSCENITY IN NOVELS. Capon, Yes, Virginia, there is a *** but watch your step if you use it, Aug. 11

O'DONOGHUE FAMILY. The O'Donoghues go for a swim, Aug. 32-38

"OF HUMAN LIFE," Hennessy, Sept. 8; A test of faith and love, Sept. 40-41

OLD TESTAMENT. See, Bible—Old Testament

OMNIPRESENCE. Herman, God in the dishwasher, July 20-21

O'Neill, Robert and Michael Donovan, Fantasy and bad thoughts, Oct. 17-21

O'NEILL, TERENCE. Fisher, Green power erupts in Northern Ireland, Apr. 32-35

OPINION PRIVATE. Faith and private opinion, Jan. 18-19

ORIGINAL SIN. Original sin. (Why, as you have written, is every child born a sinner? By whose fault? How can an unborn child sin? Is God so irrational that He punishes a newly born child for the sins of his long dead ancestors? Have we not created a God who is irrational, unjust, and perhaps vengeful? I do not believe it! Just because the Jewish faith was based on the beliefs of earlier humans who, because of ignorance, had created gods to their own limited thinking, we as enlightened (?) Catholics need not follow their example. To save our own sanity, we must believe in a God who is reasonable, just, and understanding. We must be allowed to use the intelligence, with which He endows us.) SP. Dec. 38; Original sin and Adam and Eve, (I have been hearing a lot lately about the question of Adam and Eve and their apparently doubtful existence. If the Adam and Eve story is not entirely factual, then where does the doctrine of original sin come in? Is not the original sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve?) SP. Aug. 43

PADRE PIO. Tusiani, Memories of Padre Pio, Feb. 26-28

PAPACY. Campbell, Spectrum of Catholic attitudes, Jan. 7-17

PAPAL INFALLIBILITY. See, Infallibility

PALESTINE. See, Jerusalem

PARENTAL AFFECTION. See, Affection, Parental

PARENTAL DISCIPLINE. See, Discipline, Parental

PARENTAL LOVE. See, Love, Parental

PARENTAL PROTECTION. See, Protection, Parental

PASCHAL MYSTERY. Hennessy, The taste of victory, Apr. 8

PASSION, CONTEMPORARY. Bulman, Calvary is today, the dropout, July 40-41; Bulman, Calvary is today: the janitor, June 40

PASSION OF CHRIST, CONTEMPORARY. Hennessy, Not on a hill top outside the gate of the city, Feb. 8

PATRIOTISM. Patriotism and peace, Dec. 30-31

PAUL, CYRIL. A drummer for the Lord, Sign's people of the month, May 29

PEACE. Patriotism and peace, Dec. 30-31

"**PEACE VILLAGE,**" OBERHAUSEN, Christoph, A flower blossoms in the Ruhr Valley, Feb. 13-17

PECORARO, FATHER. How to serve the whole world in a Taiwan village, May 33-41

PENANCE. Auw, Penance: A way of loving, Feb. 10-12; See Also, Confession (Sacrament)

PEOPLE. Hennessy, Real people are always relevant, Oct. 8

THE PILL. Permissible uses of "the pill," (I have never been an advocate of birth control, but my last two pregnancies were horrible, involving complications. My doctor gave me a good warning. I am forty-one now, and my periods are changing. This poses a problem, as I am fearful beyond words of the outcome of another pregnancy. What help is there for us women on the brink of the "change of life?") SP. Jan. 33

PLAYS. See, Dramas-Criticism, Plots, Etc.

POEMS. Hebert, What book like you, O God?

Sept. 51; Kretz, The foolish for Christ, Feb. 9; Lamb, A bond of hands, Mar. 21; Laube, As a brightness, Dec. 35; If I be hounded down, July 22; Now as long ago, Dec. 35; Two songs for the season of feasts, Dec. 35; Mandarino, Joey and ?, Aug. 25; Meudt, Camera, Jan. 29; Reid, Freedom sits the treetops, Oct. 12; Sister Maura, S.S.N.D., Encounter, Nov. 29; Sister Petronilla, O.P., Of moving water, Nov. 29; Tusiani, The vigil, Apr. 16; Wood, Sundown, Apr. 18

POLITICS. Three faces of politics, Aug. 30-31

POOR. See, Poverty

POOR SOULS. See, Purgatory

POVERTY. Greeley, We had better travel light, July 8-12; Town crier in a global village, An interview with Father George Dunne, S.J., Sept. 9-12

PRAYER. Answer to prayer, (I notice that when I pray to God every day and think of Him, everything goes wrong for me. If I want something very badly and pray for it, I never get it; yet if I don't care, then there is a chance I'll get it,) SP. Dec. 39

PRESENCE OF CHRIST. Hennessy, The taste of victory, Apr. 8

PRIES, GIL. Called out of darkness, Mar. 9-12

PRIESTHOOD. Charity and the Exodus, June 30-31

PRIESTS, MILITANT. A priest struggles for power, An interview with Ed Wakin, July 13-17

PROFANITY IN NOVELS. Capon, Yes, Virginia, there is a *** but watch your step if you use it, Aug. 11

PROTECTION, PARENTAL. Ryan, You can't give too much protection, May 11-13

PROTESTANTS—IRELAND. Fisher, Green power erupts in Northern Ireland, Apr. 32-36; Wolfe, Epilogue: An American in Derry, Apr. 36-37

PURGATORY. On Purgatory, (I am engaged in a dispute with an agnostic on the subject of purgatory, and I need help. He claims that purgatory is an invention of the Papists, that the only real states of man after death are in heaven and hell. He will not accept the argument from II Machabees 12:43-46, because he maintains that the Books of Machabees are not part of the inspired Scriptures. Can you point out a place in the New Testament where the word "purgatory" appears?) SP. Mar. 31

PUTNAM, MRS. ROGER. Burton, The worst has already happened, Mar. 17

RAMAZ SCHOOL. Wakin, Jewish parochial school: educating an elite, Sept. 26-30

READING. See, Books and Reading

RECONCILIATION, MARITAL. Reconciliation after divorce, (A friend of mine was married in the Catholic Church fifteen years ago. There are children. Several times, the husband left home to live with another woman, but each time she forgave him and took him back. However, the last time, she divorced him. Now he wants to come back again on account of the children. Where does their marriage stand? Do they have to be married again?) SP. Feb. 42

REFLECTIONS, NEW YEARS DAY. Capon, Jan. 38

Reid, Augusta Towner. Freedom sits the treetops, Oct. 12

RELIGION. Theology and religion (All your distinctions concerning what is or is not dogma seem to me like playing with semantics. Our faith is not a question of methodology or of semantics. Too many Catholics are talking to death the basic love and the teachings of Christ. Christ's concern was never based on methodology, et cetera. Don't encourage people to cut the heart out of our holy faith,) SP. Nov. 40

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Little minds and

great mysteries, An interview with Christianne Bruselmanns, June 5-7; See Also, Catechetics RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, Suenens. The demands of our time, Aug. 5-10

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. Liberty of conscience, (Where does Vatican II teach that man must be free to accept God or reject Him according to the dictates of his conscience? What is the effect of this teaching on Catholics who reject some of the doctrines the Church teaches?) SP. Oct. 22-23

RELIGIOUS LIFE. Charity and the Exodus, June 30-31

RESPONSES—LITURGICAL. And with you, too (What is the correct interpretation and manner of saying the response: "And with your spirit?" Emphasis on the word "spirit," rather than on "your," indicates that we are wishing the Lord to be with the person. Doesn't the greeting express our wish that the Lord be also with the priest?) SP. Feb. 43

RESURRECTION. See, Jesus Christ—Resurrection

REVOLUTION. Revolution and human restraint, Oct. 40-41

RHYTHM METHOD. The anguish of women, (I am disturbed—deeply disturbed, having read your reply to Bronx, New York, concerning birth control, (Sign, October, 1968) I think of the millions of women who share this unhappy world of ours—women who daily witness the horror of death in the eyes of their starving children. These people cry out to

Mother Church. The only sympathy they seem to be getting is the recent encyclical on birth control and "Rome has spoken." I and countless other middle-class, thinking Catholics still have some faith left. Today, that faith is in grave danger. Please, please give us an answer we can believe in,) SP. Jan. 33-34; Intimacies of the married, (My husband and I are trying to practice rhythm. Our baby is young, so we are being careful, abstaining for longer than three weeks at a time. It is very difficult. What is permissible regarding our sex life during this period of abstinence? If either of us lose control, do we both have to confess it? At times I almost feel resentful that I have to worry about such things. After all, we are married, and surely we don't have to conduct ourselves as single people do. We are confused and perplexed but certainly want to do what is right. I think this fact of married life should be included in the Pre-Cana conferences.) SP. May 24-25 See Also, Birth Control

Rice, Ed, Ed Rice reflects on his friend, Thomas Merton, Feb. 29-37

RIGHT-WING CATHOLICISM. Campbell, Spectrum of Catholic attitudes, Jan. 7-17

ROSE OF LIMA. McGinley, Three against the grain, Sept. 42-47

ROURKE, REV. CHARLES. Sign's people of the month, The priest and the monkeys, Dec. 29

Ryan, Mary Perkins, You can't give too much protection, May 11-13

SACRAMENTALS. Sacraments and Talismans, (Terence Cardinal Cooke, upon his recent elevation, was presented with a mezuzah by one of his Jewish friends. Cardinal Cooke does not need a mezuzah. As Archibishop of New York, he is afforded every known security possible. What of the small home owner and apartment dweller? Does the Catholic Church have anything equivalent to the mezuzah? There are so many sacraments and talismans connected with the Catholic Church, but to my knowledge nothing as simple as a mezuzah at the door to bless the visitor as well as the family within,) SP. July 27

SACRAMENTS. The effects of the sacraments, (I am puzzled about the value of receiving the sacraments frequently. I believe that the sacraments give a person the grace of real control over his passions. However, I notice that some of my acquaintances who receive the sacraments only twice a year are always gay and smiling—in other words, apparently happy. I have yet to achieve this disposition, even though I have been receiving every Sunday for the past several years. I still fail to be in control of my passions. Would you venture an explanation why this is so, as I am inclined to loose faith in the sacraments,) SP. July 24; See Also, Baptism

SACRED HOST. On chewing the sacred host, (Must one chew or swallow the Host, or can one make a fruitful Communion if he lets the Host dissolve entirely in his mouth? I have trouble swallowing the Host, and if I chew it, parts sometimes get into my teeth,) SP. Nov. 40-41

SACRIFICE. Why sacrifice? (Why is sacrifice supposed to be pleasing to God? Is God pleased with man's suffering, or does He want the death or destruction of any living thing?) SP. June 41

ST. MALACHY'S PROPHECY. St. Malachy's prophecy, (Could you tell me something about the prophecies of Saint Malachy concerning the popes? I would check in the public library, but I hesitate even to ask, as I don't even know where they are contained. I was educated in Ireland, and they were mentioned often, but people in this country never seem to have heard of them,) SP. June 42

SAINTS-CULTUS. McKenzie. Saints. July 5-7
SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY. Celebrate the feast of St. Thomas More! (Can you tell me why the feast of St. Thomas More is not celebrated with a Mass in his honor in this country? Surely if he was "a man for all seasons," he is pre-eminently a man for our time—a modern man, a family man, a scholar, an honorable public figure. How does one go about getting a saint's day into the calendar? In England, his feast is July 9. Here, July 9 is a feria day.) SP. Sept. 37-38

SALVATION. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

SANUY, MONTSERRAT. Irizarry. The emerging Spanish woman. Jan. 39-45

SCRIPTURE. See, Bible

SCRUPLES. Scruples. (I have a tendency toward being scrupulous at times. I feel I worry excessively whether what I did in the past was wrong or will it be sinful in the future. For instance, on bad books and articles. Just what makes them obscene? I subscribe to the popular women's and news magazines. Sometimes they have articles about things like the college students who live together. Am I doing wrong to read this so I can be informed, especially since I have children of this age group? Should I quit subscribing to magazines because they bring up matters like this? So here I am, middle-aged, raising a large family, fighting the battle of scruples, and worrying about books now. Pray for us. We need to be understood, even if it's hard for you and others to counsel us in our life.) SP. June 43

SECURITY, FAMILY. Ryan. You can't give too much protection. May 11-13

SELF: DENIAL AND AFFIRMATION. Auw. Penance: a way of loving. Feb. 10-12

SELF-LOVE. Self-love is a blessing. (Jesus taught: "Love your neighbor as yourself" when you don't even love yourself. People like myself who are or have been emotionally sick do not love themselves and perhaps for this reason are social misfits. I assume that when Jesus taught, "Love your neighbor as yourself," He was speaking to normal people, not to sick people. And to extend this still further, Saint John expressed this problem very well when he wrote: "For how can he who does not love his brother, whom he sees, love God, whom he does not see?" One final point which puzzles me—is self-love a fault or a virtue?) SP. Apr. 43

SEX. Greeley. We can't walk alone. May 20-23

SEX VS. LONELINESS. Greeley. We can't walk alone. May 20-23

SEXUAL FANTASIES. See, Fantasy

SHEDD. Frank J. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17

SHORT STORIES. Cormier. My first Negro. Mar. 18-22; Daly. The spinster. Sept. 47-52; Stranska. A Christmas lament. Dec. 32-36

SILENT SCHISM. Greeley. The Church as "new community." Nov. 27-29

Simer, Ann. A life on the line. Dec. 26-27

Simons, Joseph and Jeanne Reidy. The reward of loving. Oct. 24-25

SIN, ORIGINAL. See, Original Sin

SINS, FORGIVENESS OF. Are sins forgiven? (When the Confiteor is recited at the beginning of Mass and the response is given "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins," are these sins forgiven?) SP. Nov. 42

Sister Maura, S.S.N.D. Encounter. Nov. 29

Sister Petronilla, O.P. Of moving water. Nov. 29

SITWELL, EDITH. Burton. The worst has already happened. Mar. 17

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SPANISH WOMAN. See, Woman, Spanish

SPONSORS. See, Godparents

Stewart, Ollie. It's always Christmas in Cottolengo. Dec. 11-16

STIGMATISTS. Tusiani. Memories of Padre Pio. Feb. 26-28

Stranska, Lana. A Christmas lament. Dec. 32-36

STUDENT DISSENTION. See, Dissension, Student

STYLITES, SIMEON. McGinley. Three against the grain. Sept. 42-47, 65

Suemens, Cardinal. The demands of our time. Aug. 5-10

SUICIDE PREVENTION. Simer. A life on the line. Dec. 26-27

SUICIDE PREVENTION, INC.—CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS. Simer. A life on the line. Dec. 26-27

SUNDAY MASS. Catholic schools and Sunday Mass. (I find that many young people going to Catholic schools these days are losing their religion. I know at least three occasions, and one of these in a Catholic college, where the students were told that if they didn't feel they wanted to go to Mass, it was not necessary to do so. Is it no longer a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation without good cause?) SP. Mar. 29; Sunday obligation or worship. (Could we please explore further disposing with Sunday Mass "obligation" and consider Sunday worship instead? I don't mean for a minute not to have Mass scheduled as usual and daily when possible. But worship signifies true loving freedom, and I feel that the threat, implicit in the stern admonition, is at odds with the connotation of Christ's loving sacrifice for us. I feel it is most important that the next generation of children be freed from the

necessity of running breathlessly around while a harried mother scolds and pushes "to get to Mass on time." Without the penalty of mortal sin ominously overshadowing the presence of Christ in our midst as we prepare to serve Him, we could all approach His altar in a more charitable frame of soul.) SP. Aug. 41

SUNDAY OBLIGATION. Impossibility excuses. (Next June I will be graduating from college and I have already applied for the Peace Corps. I asked to be assigned to Iran, which is 98 percent Shia Moslem. Suddenly, I realized that there would probably be no provisions made for Catholics (Mass, et cetera). I was wondering what the Church's view is on such situations and if she grants dispensations for volunteers.) SP. Nov. 41

SUPERSPIRITUALISM. Capon. This grace-full creation. Dec. 17

SWABIANS—GALICIA. Irizarry. Where everything Spanish is Irish. Mar. 32-37

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TAMANRASSET, ALGIERS. The desert priest. Aug. 12-20

TAXING CHURCHES. Balk. Should churches be taxed? Aug. 21-25

TEEN-AGERS. How reading hurts and helps teen-agers. An interview with Sister Mary Corde Lorang. Jan. 50-52

TEEN-AGERS, AMERICAN. Greeley. Fragile—handle with care. Oct. 13-15

TEEN-AGERS AND DRUG ADDICTION. Wakin. Dave Wilkerson casts out devils. Oct. 27-33

TELEVISION. Gent. The challenge to public TV. May 42-43; A change for the Church on T.V. Dec. 44-45; The cry of a heart. Jan. 30-31; The end of the season. July 44-45; Government looks at television. Feb. 48-49; Nixon's voice of America. Mar. 42-43; Hate never hastens freedom. Apr. 40-41; The Smothers Brothers cut-off. June 19-20

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TEMPLEHOFF, JOHANN SEBASTIAN. The wandering minstrel. Sign's people of the month. May 28

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TRANSITION—CATHOLIC CHURCH. Was the past so wrong? (Foremost in my mind is this question: What is wrong now with all we were taught, all we learned and believed in the past? There must have been something entirely wrong, else, why all the numerous changes? Why are there no prayer books now, no litany, no examination of conscience, no thanksgiving after Holy Communion, no weekly confession? Why do we have to listen to raucous rock'n'roll instead of sacred music and hymns? Were all of these things wrong in past years?) SP. Mar. 29-30

TRINITY. Capon. Careful study of a grapefruit yields rich insights into the triune God. Apr. 31

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TRUTH. Truth—Plain or distorted? (A friend of mine has been giving me literature by Herbert W. Armstrong. This person, although a good Catholic, seems to think that Mr. Armstrong's organization has some kind of inside track on what is the truth—based on the Bible. Since my objections don't seem to carry any weight with this friend, I am asking for your opinion on Mr. Armstrong, his Bible organization, and his magazine, "The Plain Truth.") SP. June 42-43

TUAREGS. The desert priest. Aug. 12-20

Tusiani, Joseph. Memories of Padre Pio. Feb. 26-28; The vigil. Apr. 16

UCCELLO, MAYOR ANTONINA PHYLLIS. Wakin. Her Honor, the Mayor. Apr. 25-30

THE UGLY LITTLE MONKEYS. The priest and the monkeys. Sign's people of the month. Dec. 29

UNDERGROUND CHURCH. Greeley. The Church as "new community." Nov. 27-29

U.S.—CATHOLICISM. See, Religious Liberty

VATICAN WEALTH. "Go, sell what thou hast..." Mar. 38-39

VATICAN, WEALTH The wealthy Vatican. (The enclosed clipping, estimating the worldwide financial holdings of the Vatican at about 5.6 billion dollars, left me stunned. If there is so much wealth, why keep collecting for the poor? I know that parents who have five and six children find it most difficult to give, give, give.) SP. Nov. 42

VIGIL CANDLES. Vigil candles. (Last year I read in the newspaper that a diocese in New England would discontinue vigil candles in all its churches for practical and theological reasons. I can see the practical reasons, fire, smoke-blackened walls, et cetera, but what would be the theological reasons?) SP. Dec. 39

VILLA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL, PENNSYLVANIA. Wakin. Patterned for persons. Nov. 22-26

VIOLENCE ON TV. Gent. There'll be some changes made. Sept. 31-32

VIRGIN MARY. Campbell. Spectrum of Catholic attitudes. Jan. 7-17; Mary's perpetual virginity. (It will probably be impossible for you to answer all my questions, but I appreciate your answer for one of them... Protestants do not believe in our Lady's virginity, in that they believe the private years of Christ's life (age twelve to thirty approximately) were spent by Him taking care of His younger brothers and sisters. They also believe St. Mary was then a widow. Could you comment on this?) SP. Apr. 44

VIRTUE. See, Hope

VOCATION. Hennessy. And Abraham said yes.

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE. Dillon. Bearing: Serving troubled servants of the Lord. June 24-29

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WAR-INJURED CHILDREN. Christoph. A flower blossoms in the Ruhr Valley. Feb. 13-17

WAR ON POVERTY. See, Poverty

Watts, Charles E. An outdated layman looks at his modern church. Mar. 13-16

WEALTH, VATICAN. See, Vatican Wealth

WEDDING GIFTS. Wedding gifts. (Recently I received an invitation to the wedding of my niece. She married a divorced man in a civil ceremony. I didn't know what to do about the wedding, but sent a gift of five dollars. Did I commit a sin, and would I have to tell it in confession?) SP. Dec. 40

WIDOW'S MITE. The widow's mite. (If a person gives at every chance to charity and wishes he had more to give but doesn't, can it be said that he can't merit as much of a reward as the wealthy person who can give more? And what about the extremely poor person who wishes to do all of this but, of course, can't. By his desire, does he merit just as great an amount of grace?) SP. Mar. 31

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